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RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAPS MANDIR OF CHICAGO

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Complex in Bartlett, Illinois. For the past decade, this Hindu Complex has been an asset to the community and emblematic of outstanding service.

The temple was completed in only 16 months with the help of over 1,700 volunteers. This vibrant sense of volunteerism has remained strong through the various charitable projects the Mandir has sponsored within the Sixth District of Illinois. The complex is a center of constant activity, promoting a spirit of service through its weekly classes and seminars designed to inspire, energize, promote, develop and sustain the roots of Indian culture. Its members are frequently involved with projects to better education, improve the environment, and provide relief in times of disasters.

In May of 2005, the BAPS Mandir of Chicago was presented with the "Best Building Suburb" award by the Chicago Building Congress (CBC). The Mandir is a fusion of traditional Indian architecture and modern technology, representing a culture that dates back over 8,500 years. Worldwide, the BAPS organization has more than 3,300 centers and maintains a strong volunteer base of 55,000. The organization has received numerous national and international awards for their dedication to humanitarian assistance.

I ask that my Distinguished Colleagues please join me in honoring the BAPS Mandir of Chicago for the valuable contributions it continues to offer the local community.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that I must rise in opposition to the NASA reauthorization bill we have before us today. The space program plays a critical role in driving innovation as well as inspiring our nation's young people to strive for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Unfortunately, the bill before us today places these vital missions in jeopardy.

I strongly oppose the cancellation of the human spaceflight program. The Senate's bill, which was drafted without any House input, places too much faith in the private sector to deliver astronauts and cargo to space. By contrast, the bill approved by the House Science and Technology Committee ensured that there

would continue to be a publicly owned human spaceflight capability developed following the retirement of the space shuttle. There are untold advancements in health care, energy, and environmental preservation to be gained from ongoing human research in space.

I am also concerned that the Senate's bill does not include language ensuring that retired space shuttles will be allocated fairly to museums and educational institutions across the country. The space program is a national treasure, supported with the tax dollars of each and every American. As such, I believe geographic diversity should be a consideration in the allocation of retired shuttles, so I offered an amendment that was adopted in committee to ensure it would be. Unfortunately, the bill before us today includes no such protections, giving unfair preference to some regions while leaving much of the rest of the country effectively out of the running.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing S. 3729.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMMA FRANCES PITTS RHODES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Emma Frances Pitts Rhodes who celebrated her 97th birthday November 3rd.

Ms. Rhodes was born in Anniston, Alabama, to the late Frank and Margaret Pitts. She attended Ohatchee School and was a charter member of Saks Baptist Church.

She was married to the late S.E. Rhodes and had four children: Earl, Judy, Elaine and Brenda. She also has six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

I wish Ms. Rhodes a very happy birthday and many more.

TRIBUTE TO CESARINA AUGUSTO EARL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an outstanding individual, Mrs. Cesarina Augusto Earl, who will be recognized on October 23, 2010 by the Columbian Foundation for her contributions to the Italian-American community.

Cesarina, an Italian-American herself, grew up in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey helping her parents operate the print shop on Mill Street which they owned. She continued on this literary path, studying Library and Information Science at Caldwell College and Rutgers University after receiving a history degree from Seton Hall University.

After completing her education, Cesarina served as both a professional and a school librarian and worked as an Education Media Specialist in various public schools in New

Jersey, New York, and California. She retired in 2004 from the rewarding work of helping students and adults find their needs in libraries.

One of the various publications that Cesarina's family printed was their own weekly publication, *La Voce Italiana* or the Italian Voice. It has been in print for 79 years and highlights the positive accomplishments of Italian-Americans. Cesarina has worked tirelessly with her son Douglas as the publisher and editor for 25 years of *La Voce Italiana*.

In addition to promoting issues which affect Italian-Americans, Cesarina has also been an advocate for women's issues worldwide through her involvement in Zonta International.

In addition to her impressive professional accomplishments, Cesarina is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. She has two adult children and two grandsons.

Cesarina has proven herself to be a leader in the Italian-American community as well as a dedicated employee of the public school system, and I know she will continue this important work in the future.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated servants of the community like Cesarina Augusto Earl.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of Essex County, the Columbian Foundation, Cesarinas's family and friends, and me in recognizing Cesarina Augusto Earl's outstanding service to her community.

IN MEMORY OF MELISSA JANE DELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, sadly Melissa Jane Dell of Ridgeland, South Carolina succumbed to Huntington's disease at age 40 on November 9, 2010. She was the daughter of Ouida and Wayne Dell and the mother of Bethany Dell. Her brother Eric Dell, Chief of Staff of the Second Congressional District, presented the following family witness on November 11, 2010, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

MELISSA DELL—A LIFE OF LOVE AND HUGS

I would like to begin by thanking God for my sister, Melissa. She was an inspiration to me and so many others. I also would like to thank everyone here today, as everyone has touched Melissa and our family in a special way. I especially thank family members who have been so faithful to Melissa over the past few years and especially the past month. Especially, Aunts Charlene, Linda, Karen, Pearnease, and Barbara and cousins Allison, Michael, Cynthia, David and Theresa. I also want to thank my mom for her tireless devotion and dedication to Melissa and Gayle and TaWanda who would come to care for Melissa whenever called. The last group I would like to thank is the caretakers and the staff and friends of Melissa at the adult day care and physical therapy in Ridgeland. She loved the day care and physical therapy and its people so much. She was never happier than when she was at the day care and physical therapy.

God made a special person when he made Melissa. We are all created by God to serve